

institution, has been devoted to preventive and constructive work in the field of moral hygiene.

ORGANIZATION

The legal basis of El Retiro is, found in section 22 of the California Juvenile Court Law, which provides for the establishment of a juvenile detention home by the county board of supervisors. El Retiro is a branch of Juvenile Hall, the juvenile detention home of Los Angeles county, as far as finances and administration are concerned. The executive control of the two institutions is centered in one superintendent, who is appointed by the probation committee, from the county civil service lists. Each officer and employee of both institutions is certified by civil service. Although the institutions are over twenty miles apart, a single office equipment does for both and there is no overhead expense for the new institution. All medical, psychological and other technical, scientific work for El Retiro is done by the staff of experts at Juvenile Hall with no extra expense. This is true of stenographic work also.

The staff in residence consists of the following: an assistant superintendent, a domestic science instructor, a manual arts instructor and a utility man. There is also a schoolteacher who has the rank of principal and is employed by the board of education. There are two resident volunteers who serve without pay; one is a trained field worker, the other a playground worker.

For the first year the board of supervisors have allowed budget funds for twenty-five girls. Twenty-two girls are now at the school; by the time this goes to press our population quota will be complete for the present fiscal year, twenty-five girls.

EQUIPMENT

We possess ten acres of ground which is planted to olive trees and truck garden.

The requirements for entrance are as follows: First, an earnest desire to make good; this must have been proven by an unbroken good conduct record at the detention home, and an expressed willingness to undergo a period of training; second, freedom from infectious disease; third, the candidate must be of normal, or borderline mentality—that is to say, no diagnosis cases of feeble-mindedness are accepted; fourth, the girl's home situation must be one that prevents her from carrying out successfully her program of re-education there; the unfit home, the weak home, the broken home, are examples of this condition; finally, no girl is permitted to go to El Retiro who could be earning her living outside, unharmed.

Girls from fourteen to nineteen years of age are received.

COST

We have indicated that there are no administrative expenses connected with El Retiro. The girls buy and make their own clothing, and there are many gifts from the parent-teachers' associations and others. The cost per day, per girl, including salaries, food, supplies, heat and light, is less than \$1.40.

In time the school will be largely self-supporting. It should be entirely so within three years.

Correspondence

CHIROPRACTICALLY SPEAKING

Note. The following specimen is kindly furnished by the State Board of Medical Examiners. Comment on chiropractic standards of education is unnecessary.

G. H. ———, D. C.

Chiropractor

Palmer Graduate

Room ———, ——— Bldg.

San Diego, Calif., November 23, 1920.

Mr. C. W. ———,
Chula Vista, Calif.

Dear Sir:—Received your letter this morning and note contents of same and will say that it our object to sell the number of adjustments and to collect in advance Because of the fact that in cases loike yours there are discourougeing tine that a patient pass thro, and if it were not that they had the adjustments paid for they would become discouraged and quit which you are intipisipating of doing.

When a patient starts to take adjustments there are many things that they do not understand about the work. In all cases we must bring to life the diseased part and in order to do that the area will become verry sensative and sometimes sore, the patient feeling worse than before, which is the only way that you will ever get well, Better think this over and take the ballance of the adjustments and get well than to let your condition go as it is,

If it is to unhandy for you to come after them it may be that I can arrange to come to your house and give them to you, If it makes you to sore thro the chest we will not give them so often.

There are many patients that have gotten well because of the fact that the adjustments were paid for in advance and rather than to be out the amount they got well by taking what was just due them.

Chiropractically Yours,

G. H. ———, D. C.

A CORRECTION

The following letter has been received:

"In the December number of the Journal appears an article under heading Collected Clippings on Medical Enforcement, about Judge Ernest Weyand issuing a permanent injunction against the State Board of Medical Examiners from revoking the license of W. F. Harlin, an osteopath, for practising medicine without a physician's license. When shown the article Judge Weyand said no such injunction was issued. The facts are that the newspapers did announce that the temporary injunction has been made a permanent one by Judge Weyand, so that Harlan is receiving all the benefits of same, though no such order was made, according to the judge."

County Societies

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County Medical Meeting.

November 4 at 8 p. m. in the Friday Morning Clubrooms, the regular monthly meeting was opened by the president, Dr. Rea Smith.

Dr. Albert Soiland's subject was "Cancer of the Lip." He told of undisputed cures with radium emanation during twenty years of experience. A lethal dose should be administered to the pathological cells. The dose should not destroy the underlying cells and produce an X-ray necrosis. Cancer attacking the lip can be cured if it is only a superficial lesion and limited, but if glands are involved the case is hopeless. If the glands are involved use X-ray. Straight surgery should be